

1-1 By: Garza, Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 3420
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 20, 2003, reported
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3420 By: Lucio

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to a set-aside for certain colonia access roadway projects
1-11 proposed by rural border counties.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 1403, Government Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Sections 1403.003 and 1403.004 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 1403.003. SET-ASIDE FOR COLONIAS LOCATED IN RURAL
1-16 BORDER COUNTIES. (a) In this section:

1-17 (1) "Border colonia" means a border colonia as defined
1-18 by commission rule under Section 1403.002.

1-19 (2) "Rural border county" means a county that:

1-20 (A) has a population of less than 55,000; and

1-21 (B) is adjacent to an international border.

1-22 (3) "Set-aside" means a reservation of a portion of
1-23 the proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds and notes
1-24 under this chapter to provide financial assistance for specific
1-25 colonia access roadway projects proposed by rural border counties.

1-26 (b) The authority shall set aside an amount equal to five
1-27 percent of the proceeds from each sale of general obligation bonds
1-28 and notes under this chapter to provide financial assistance for
1-29 colonia access roadway projects designed to pave roads serving
1-30 border colonias located in rural border counties.

1-31 (c) The authority, as directed by the Texas Department of
1-32 Transportation, shall provide a grant from the set-aside on a
1-33 priority basis to a rural border county that proposes to pave for
1-34 the first time a road serving a border colonia located in that
1-35 county.

1-36 Sec. 1403.004. USE OF GRANTS FOR PROJECT MATERIALS OR
1-37 EQUIPMENT. A grant under this chapter may be used to purchase any
1-38 materials or to lease any equipment as reasonably necessary to
1-39 accomplish the goal of the project. Materials purchased as
1-40 permitted by this section must be used solely in connection with the
1-41 project. Equipment leased as permitted by this section must be used
1-42 substantially in connection with the project throughout the period
1-43 of the applicable lease.

1-44 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to
1-45 proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds and notes that
1-46 are distributed under Chapter 1403, Government Code, as amended by
1-47 this Act, on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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